Assassination Committee De-Chaired

A dispute between Representative **Henry B. Gonzalez,** the Democrat who chairs the House Committee on Assassinations, and Richard Sprague, the chief counsel, has resulted in Mr. Gonzalez' resignation, and the possible end of the committee's inquiries. The committee, empowered by the House to investigate the deaths of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has been fighting ever since Mr. Gonzalez attempted to dismiss Mr. Sprague last month. In an angry letter of resignation, Mr. Gonzalez called Mr. Sprague "an unscrupulous individual" and said he had usurped powers of the chair and the committee and authorized unjustifiable expenditures. The House leadership has warned that unless Mr. Gonzalez can be persuaded to continue, or the committee produces a significant investigative lead, it is doubtful that its mandate will be renewed March 31. NYT. March 6, 1977 **Gary Hoenig**